

Title 14—AERONAUTICS AND SPACE

Chapter I—Federal Aviation Adminis- tration, Department of Transportation

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PART 121—CERTIFICATION AND OP- ERATIONS: DOMESTIC, FLAG, AND SUPPLEMENTAL AIR CARRIERS AND COMMERCIAL OPERATORS OF LARGE AIRCRAFT

Equipment for Extended Overwater Operations

The purpose of this amendment to Part 121 of the Federal Aviation Regulations is to delete the requirement that the emergency locator transmitter required for extended overwater operations be attached to one of the required liferafts.

Amendment 121-79 (36 F.R. 18716; September 21, 1971), among other things, added to § 121.339 the requirement that the portable emergency radio signaling device required by that section, after October 21, 1972, be attached to one of the required liferafts.

Further study has led the FAA to conclude that to require the transmitter to be attached to one of the required liferafts could result in the transmitter not being available for use by the survivors of an aircraft ditching and that, for this

reason, that particular requirement should be deleted. In any emergency ditching, a number of liferafts are inflated, but only a few of them may actually be used. In many cases a liferaft may be found to be defective, it may be inflated at the wrong time, or, for some other reason, may not be usable. Consequently, to require the emergency locator transmitter to be attached to one of the required liferafts is likely to result in the device being attached to a liferaft that cannot be used in the ditching operation and thereby adversely affect the safety of passengers and crewmembers involved.

Since a safety situation exists which requires immediate regulatory action that imposes no additional burden on any person, I find that notice and public procedure are impracticable and that good cause exists for making this amendment effective on less than 30 days' notice.

In consideration of the foregoing, Part 121 of the Federal Aviation Regulations is amended, effective July 19, 1972, by deleting the second sentence in paragraph (a) (4) of § 121.339.

(Secs. 313(a), 601, 604, Federal Aviation Act of 1958, 49 U.S.C. 1354(a), 1421, 1424; sec. 6(c), Department of Transportation Act, 49 U.S.C. 1655(c))

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Administrator.

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